

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

CIVIL NO. 3:06CV90

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
)
APPROXIMATELY 5,698 FIREARMS IN)
THE FORM OF PARTS KITS SEIZED ON)
OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 4, 2003, IN)
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA,)
)
Defendant.)

**DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF
FORFEITURE**

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the government's motion under Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b)(2) for a default judgment of forfeiture against the defendant property.

THE COURT FINDS THAT:

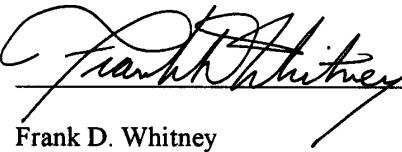
1. A verified complaint for forfeiture in rem of the defendant property was filed on February 28, 2006. This Court found probable cause for forfeiture and issued a warrant for arrest in rem.
2. Process was fully issued in this action and returned according to law. Pursuant to the warrant for arrest in rem, the government duly seized the defendant property. Service of process was made by publication of notice in The Mecklenburg Times on August 18, 2006.
3. No person has filed a verified claim or an answer within the time allowed by law, and the Clerk has accordingly entered default.
4. Based on the affidavit of Special Agent John Schroepfer of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, filed with the complaint, the government has shown probable cause to believe that the defendant property was involved in or used in knowing violations of 18 U.S.C. §922(l) and §925(d) and 26 U.S.C. §5861(b)(c)(d)(e)(j)(k) and (l) and §5845(a)-(b).

BASED ON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS, THE COURT CONCLUDES that the government is entitled to a judgment of forfeiture by default against the defendant property.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. The government's motion for default judgment of forfeiture is hereby granted.
2. Any and all right, title and interest of all persons in the world in or to the following property is hereby forfeited to the United States, and no other right, title, or interest shall exist therein to approximately 5,658 firearms in the form of parts kits seized on or about February 4, 2003, in Monroe, North Carolina.
3. The United States is hereby directed to dispose of the forfeited defendant property as provided by law.

Signed: November 6, 2006



Frank D. Whitney
United States District Judge

